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In re Patent Application of

John Hulls et al.

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Application No.: 10/074,684

Examiner: Basil S. Katcheves

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Confirmation No.: 9166

Title: FORCE-RESISTING DEVICES AND METHODS FOR STRUCTURES

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

**MAIL STOP RCE** Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Customer Number 21839

| Sir:           |                               |  |
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| <b>⊠</b> \$385 |                               | eant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the 301) \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).   |
| 1. 🔲           | A. Ap                         | oplicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. ontinued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. |
|                |                               | oplicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is quested:   |
|                |                               | Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on  |
|                |                               | Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on  |
|                |                               | Other:   |
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| 2. Th          | Ame<br>Affid<br>Infor<br>A Pe | wing documents are enclosed with this submission: endment/Reply. lavit(s)/Declaration(s). rmation Disclosure Statement (IDS). etition for Extension of Time. er:                               |
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| 3. | × | Small entity status is hereby | claimed. |
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☐ No additional claim fee is required.

The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:

| CLAIMS  |                  |                                    |        |               |                    |            |
|---|------------------|------------------------------------|--------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
|   | No.<br>of Claims | Highest No<br>Claims Th<br>Paid Fo | us     | Extra Claims  | Rate               | Fee        |
| Basic Application Fee   | (1001)           |                                    |        |               |                    | \$ 770.00  |
| Total Claims  | 151              | MINUS 2                            | 1 =    | 130           | x \$18.00 (1202) = | \$ 2340.00 |
| Independent Claims  | 13               | MINUS 6                            | =      | 7             | x \$86.00 (1201) = | \$ 602.00  |
| If Amendment adds n   | nultiple depen   | dent claims, a                     | add \$ | 290.00 (1203) |                    | \$ 290.00  |
| Total Fee   |                  |                                    |        | \$ 4,002.00   |                    |            |
| ☒ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee |                  |                                    |        | \$ 2,001.00   |                    |            |
| TOTAL FEE DUE   |                  |                                    |        | \$ 2,001.00   |                    |            |

| 4. | X | A check in the amount of \$2,001.00 is enclosed for the fee due.                             |
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| 5. |   | Charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.                                       |
| 6. |   | Charge to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  |
| 7. |   | Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least                      |
|    |   | which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. |
|    |   | § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.                          |

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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## AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 13, 2004, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination and request the above-identified patent application be amend as follows: